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Dear Mayor and Councillor,

I am writing to you not only as a concerned resident of Vaughan but as a mother who is deeply fearful for the future of our small community on Luca Ave and Lady Karen Crescent. We are facing a development proposal that threatens to destroy the safety of our children, the structural integrity of my house, and the unique local ecosystem that defines our neighborhood.

Our small corner is a quiet, safe haven for families, where everyone knows their neighbors. Our community has limited exits. This layout is our greatest security, which has kept us safe from outside threats, as safety concerns rise across the city.

The strength of our neighborhood's opposition is undeniable. We have reached a near-unanimous consensus at the Dufferin/Major Mackenzie corner, with **328 total signatures (94 on paper and 234 online)**. This reflects the deep and widespread concern regarding the safety of our community. We hope you could consider the following concerns, which represent the collective voice of our street:

1. Child Safety and and Overcrowded Recreational Space

Luca Ave is a narrow residential street, can't be designed to function as an "Urban Main Street." Transforming this quiet road into a high-traffic thoroughfare directly endangers the dozens of children who live here, which will invite 'shortcut' seekers and higher speeds creates a high-risk environment. The vast majority of households in our community are families with young children. With so many toddlers and small children playing right in front of their homes, it is only a matter of time before a tragedy occurs. Who will take responsibility when a child is hit by a speeding car? With Eagles Landing Park already overcrowded in the summer, Luca cul-de-sac has become a vital, safe recreational space for our kids and those from neighboring houses. At the end of Luca Ave alone, there are five families with 11 young children who often safely roller skate, play basketball, soccer, and ride bikes on street. Please see pictures.

People move to our community specifically for its reputation as a quiet, child-friendly environment. Our newest neighbors shared that they bought their home here specifically because they are planning to start a family and wanted a place where their children could find friends and play safely.

2. A Significant Investment in Safety and Stability

We are the second owners of our house, and at the time of purchase, we were never informed of a proposal to transform our local street into a main street and cut down all the tall pine trees. In fact, Google Maps and all official neighborhood descriptions still classify Luca Ave as a narrow, local residential street.

We specifically moved from a nearby busy main-street to this quiet corner for one reason: the safety of our newborn babies. We wanted a "worry-free" environment where our children could play in front of our home without danger. To secure this peace and the "ravine-like" setting provided by the mature pine tree line, we paid an extra \$300,000 premium over the cost of current home. Please see the attached real estate listing described the house as being cul-de-sac street and backing onto mature trees.

To see these features threatened now is not just a financial blow; it is heartbreaking for our family's future. We invested our life savings here based on the City's current residential character, and we ask that the City honor that stability.

3. The "Safe Enclave" and Crime Prevention

Our community is currently one of the safest pockets in Vaughan. We have zero history of home invasions or robberies. This is not a coincidence; it is because our street layout makes it difficult for criminals to escape quickly to a regional road. Opening Luca Ave removes this natural "dead-end" security. By maintaining the current street structure, the City supports Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design keeping our families safe from the rising crime rates seen elsewhere.

4. Structural Risk and Soil Erosion

The developer plans to remove a mature line of old pine trees behind our properties. These trees are not merely aesthetic; their root systems provide essential biological anchoring for my raised-fill yards. We worry that removing these trees will lead to significant soil erosion and the inevitable collapse of my backyard fences. We hold the City and the developer responsible for any "loss of lateral support" and subsequent property damage this excavation causes.

5. Destruction of Local Wildlife Habitat

Some nights, we hear the howling of coyotes and the sounds of other wildlife from the farm behind the trees. (Please listen to the recorded coyote howling, if the email's storage limit allows it to be sent.) During the daytime, we can see deer, foxes, wild turkeys, and other wildlife wandering peacefully at the Luca dead-end. The pine tree line is a nesting habitat for Blue Jays, Robin, Woodpecker, owls and so on. The tree line serves as a wildlife corridor connecting to the forest. This isn't just "empty land"; it is a functioning ecosystem. Please see the photos. Many of these wildlife sightings happen so quickly that we haven't been able to capture them on camera.

6.A "Win-Win" Proposal: The Ravine View Advantage

We understand the need for housing. If the developer preserves the existing pine tree line, they can still build the same number of houses. In fact, by keeping the trees, this would significantly increase the new property value and profit for the developer while remain the privacy and safety.

7. Conflicting Tree Ownership Claims

There is confusion regarding the status of these trees. Last year, the City informed neighbors that this treeline belonged to Conservation (TRCA). This year, we were told it's "private property" by the city.

We beg the City deny the extension of Luca Ave and issue a Tree Preservation Order for the pine treeline.

We look forward to your reconsideration regarding the safety and structural security of our families.

Application Details

- Draft Plan of Subdivision: 19T-26V001
- Zoning By-law Amendment: (file ending in .001)
- Owner: Senang Investments Limited
- Proposal: 108 single detached dwellings, Natural Heritage System lands and Stormwater Management Facility

- Location: Major Mackenzie Drive West
- Public Meeting: March 31, 2026

Sincerely,

Yafei

Lady Karen Resident & Parent at Vaughan

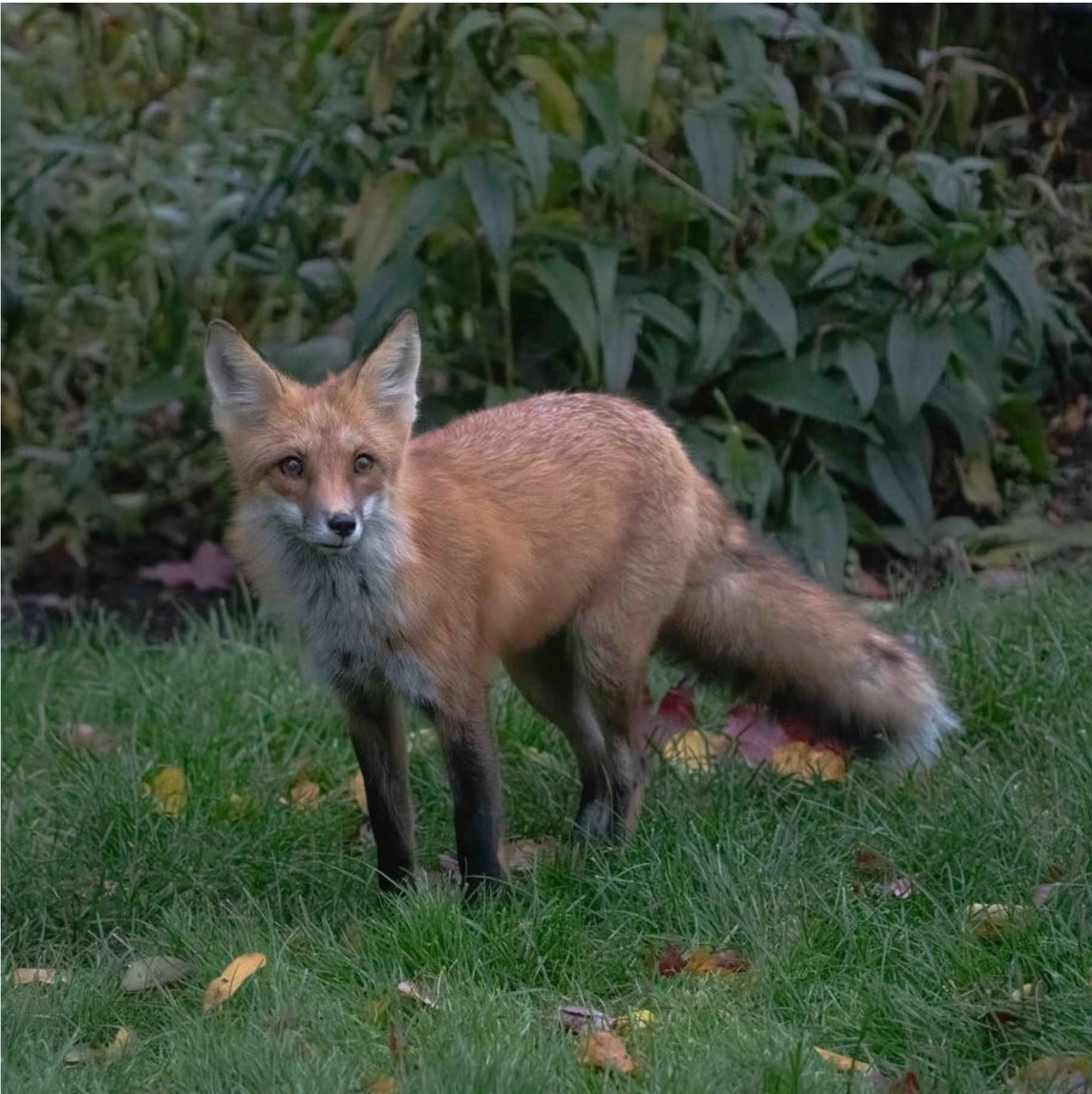








































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5 days

Listed on

2016-06-09

Updated on

2018-06-16

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Description

Welcome To **ly Karen Crescent!** This Is Once In A Life Time Opportunity To Purchase This Custom Built Beauty, 2,905 Sq. Ft. Build On A Private Corner Lot Backing Onto Mature Trees At The End Of A Cul De Sac Street. This Home Is Tastefully Upgraded From Top To Bottom. Featuring 4 Large Bedrooms, 4 Bathrooms. Beautifully Landscaped Property With A Walk Out To Spacious Deck, And Private Back Yard. Close To Park, Shopping












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